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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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## **STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

### Reference AO (JP 2001-197500) on Form PTO 1449:

This reference discloses an image encoding/decoding device in which an image is encoded by the tile so that when a user desires to decode a part of an image by encoding, without decoding an entire region of the image, it is sufficient to decode only a tile including a region that is desired to be decoded. This is discussed in the introductory portion of the specification of the present invention.

# Reference AP (JP 8-70455) on Form PTO 1449:

This reference discloses an image encoding/decoding device in which an image is divided into plural overlapping searching blocks, and the image is reduced so that the reduced image is stored in a buffer. In the searching block, an approximating area for the searching block is searched. The approximate area position information and the conversion parameter are searched by the overall search to output an IFS code.

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